GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:273
ANSWERED ON:11.08.2005
HIVE OFF ATC
Patel Shri Kishanbhai Vestabhai;Tripathy Shri Braja Kishore

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for divestment of a part of the Government stake in the Airport Authority of India as reported in the Times of India dated July 20, 2005;

(b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Air Traffic Control is proposed to be hived off into a separate subsidiary;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether there is also any proposal to increase the Traffic Controllers in view of the increasing congestion in the skies; and

(f) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

- MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a),(b),(c),(d),(e) & (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a),(b),(c),(d),(e) & (f) of LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.273 FOR REPLY ON 11.08.2005 REGARDING HIVE OFF ATC

(a)&(b):- No, Sir. Government`s share in Airports Authority of India is not being divested.

(c)&(d):- The draft Civil Aviation Policy which inter-alia proposes to cover the policy on Air Traffic Management is to be finalised through inter-ministerial consultations.

(e)&(f):- Yes, Sir. Due to the increase in the Air Traffic, 229 posts in the Aerodrome Discipline have been created on 21.06.2005. It is also proposed to induct more Air Traffic Controllers to meet the shortage. 70 Air Traffic Controllers have been recruited and undergoing training. Steps to fill up 106 more Air Traffic Controllers are in progress.